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SITUATION AS OF 1300 EST, February 4, 1992

- (U) Rebel Surrender Reported: At about 1155 EST the Minister of Defense reported that all rebels involved in this morning's attempted coup had surrendered. No confirmation is yet available. At about 1130 EST a rebel leader appeared on TV urging his comrades to surrender. Authorities appear to be regaining control in Maracaibo. (MG/Embassy Caracas and MG/Consulate Maracaibo telcons)

- (C) Motivation for Coup Unknown: The coup-plotters made no public statements about the motives for the coup. Coup leaders seem to be concentrated in mid-level ranks. (MG/Embassy Caracas telcon, Caracas 1122)

- (C) Suspension of Constitution: The GOV has suspended constitutional guarantees for ten days. (Caracas 1128)

- (U) Latin American Condemnation: Sixteen Latin American leaders have issued a communique, coordinated by Colombian President Gaviria, condemning the coup bid. (Reuter)

- (C) Hostage Governor Released: Zulia State Governor Paz, held in Maracaibo, has been released by his rebel captors. (MG/Consulate Maracaibo telcon)

- (U) No Reported Amcit Injuries: Embassy has no reports of injuries to U.S. citizens in Venezuela. (MG/Embassy Caracas telcon)

- (U) OAS Meeting: The OAS Permanent Council will meet in special session in Washington at 1600 EST. (MG/USOAS telcon)

- (U) Embassy Activity: The Embassy is operating with half its U.S. staff. Embassy and Consulate officers report they are able to move about Caracas and Maracaibo relatively freely. The Caracas commercial airport is open, but the airport in Maracaibo is closed, although in government hands. (MG/Embassy Caracas and MG/Consulate Maracaibo telcons)

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